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SUBJ: PM FAVORS FORMATION OF A PARLIAMENTARY SOUTH
PACIFIC FORUM

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1. SUMMARY: PM KIRK IN PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLICLY PUT
FORWARD HIS IDEA OF A SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM CONSISTING
OF PARLIAMENTARIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. SUNDAY HERALD OF APRIL 15 PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH
PM KIRK IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: " IF WE CAN DEVELOP AN
ALTERNATIVE TO THE PACIFIC COUNCIL WHICH SERVES THE
SAME ENDS OF BETTER COMMUNICATION AND MORE COORDINATION
AND GREATER DEVELOPMENT, THAT'S GOOD.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH A
MEETING PLACE OF THIS SORT FOR ALL THE PARLIAMENTS OF
THE REGION AND THAT, THROUGH ITS SUCCESS AND THE
INTEREST IT CREATES, IT WILL EXPAND UNTIL IT COVERS ALL
THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AREA.

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE A MEETING PLACE FOR
ALL THE PARLIAMENTS OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC TO MAKE
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POSSIBLE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS AND TO
HELP US BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THE POLITICAL,
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD."

3. SOMARE IN HIS SPEECH HERE OF APRIL 13 ALSO
SUPPORTED IDEA OF A " SOUTH PACIFIC COUNCIL."

4. COMMENT: SPEAKERS USED WORDS COUNCIL AND FORUM
INTERCHANGEABLY AND CONCEPT STILL BEING FORMULATED.

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